

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

CLAIM 1 (canceled)

CLAIM 2 (canceled)

CLAIM 3 (canceled)

CLAIM 4 (canceled)

CLAIM 5 (currently amended):

5. ~~The method of claim 1~~ In a mobile switching system a method of providing usage information to a mobile user comprising the steps of:

storing for said user an indication of a billing plan of said user;

responsive to use by said user of said mobile switching system for a call, incrementing a count of accumulated time for a duration of said call;

informing said user of said accumulated time; and

resetting said accumulated time record at an end of a billing cycle for said customer further comprising the steps of:

maintaining user selected threshold parameters for minutes of use or data packets transmitted, for use in determining when said user has exceeded a threshold of use; and

informing said user of an exceeding of said threshold;

wherein at least one of said threshold parameters is different from threshold parameters of said user's service plan.

CLAIM 6 (original):

6. The method of claim 5 further comprising the step of said customer controlling said threshold parameters.

CLAIM 7 (currently amended):

7. The method of claim 1 ~~5~~ wherein said informing is performed by an announcement, a display, or a short message service message provided to said user.

CLAIM 8 (canceled)

CLAIM 9 (canceled)

CLAIM 10 (canceled)

CLAIM 11 (canceled)

CLAIM 12 (currently amended):

12. ~~The apparatus of claim 8~~ In a mobile switching system, apparatus for providing usage information to a mobile user comprising:

means for storing for said user an indication of a billing plan of said user;

means, responsive to use by said user of said mobile switching system for a call, for incrementing a count of accumulated time for a duration of said call;

means for informing said user of said accumulated time; and

means for resetting said accumulated time record at an end of a billing cycle for said customer further comprising:

means for maintaining user selected threshold parameters for minutes of use or data packets transmitted, for use in determining when said user has exceeded a threshold of use; and

means for informing said user of an exceeding of said threshold;

wherein at least one of said threshold parameters is different from threshold parameters of said user's service plan.

CLAIM 13 (original):

13. The apparatus of claim 12 further comprising:

means for permitting said customer to control said threshold parameters.

CLAIM 14 (currently amended):

14. The apparatus of claim 8 12 wherein said means for informing comprises means for providing an announcement, a display, or a short message service message to said user.